

**To:** Area 51 Trusted Servants  
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**Re:** Area 51 Summer 2025 Committee Highlights and Important Information

The Area 51 Summer Committee was held on September 6-7, 2025, at the Blowing Rock Conference Center, Blowing Rock, NC. There were 56 total members in attendance of which 44 were voting members, making our quorum 30. The theme for the 2025 Fall Assembly will be **“Carrying the Message Together.”** The Committee is sending 3 items to the Fall Assembly for approval (background material included with the Fall Assembly Notice):

- To change the Site Investigations subcommittee schedule to allow recommendations for all annual Area 51 Events (Assemblies, Committee meetings, and State Conventions) to be submitted no later than two years prior to the event.
- Locations for the upcoming Area Assemblies/State Convention:
  - That the 2027 Summer Committee Meeting be held at the Blowing Rock Conference Center.
  - That the 2027 Fall Committee / Assembly be held at the Hawthorne Inn in Winston Salem.
  - That the 2028 Winter Committee Meeting be held at the Village Inn in Clemmons.
  - That the 2028 Spring Committee / Assembly Meeting be held at the Millennium Hotel in Durham.
  - That the 2028 State Convention be held at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center.
  - That the 2028 Summer Committee Meeting be held at Blowing Rock Conference Center.
- To approve the proposed Area 51 2026 Budget.

Area Chair: Currently accepting resumes for the following Open Positions: Area 51 Convention Chair and Alternate Chair (2027-2028), Area Webmaster, Area Interpreter - [Service Opportunities - AANC](#).

Delegate: See [Delegate's corner](#) on website for more information - <https://aanorthcarolina.org/members/delegates-corner/>

Treasurer: Nancy reported that Contributions in the 2nd Quarter amounted to \$28,694. Groups are encouraged to verify their contributions via the website spreadsheet, use the updated PO Box and preferred digital payment methods, and continue supporting the budgeted goals, especially as contributions have significantly increased since Q1, helping cover expenses without dipping into reserves, while the proposed 2026 budget reflects cost-saving adjustments and ongoing efforts to optimize spending under the organization's confirmed tax-exempt status.

CURRENT Treasurer address: P.O. Box 11104, Wilmington, NC 28404; [treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org)

Registrar: Please visit your groups and ensure that everyone is registered on Fellowship Connection. Sue has completed over 185 record updates since the Spring Assembly, transitioning fully to AirTable for streamlined data management, and emphasizes collaboration with DCMs to ensure accurate, accessible, and up-to-date group information via Fellowship Connection.

Accessibilities: Committee actively working to remove barriers, promote inclusion, and uphold the promise of the Third Tradition through workshops, state convention support, and ongoing collaboration.

Webmaster/Website: The Website subcommittee has resumed regular meetings to address site improvements—especially around password protection and member anonymity—while refining contact methods and adding a new “For Professionals” homepage link to better serve external inquiries. [Alcoholics Anonymous – North Carolina – Area 51 - AANC](#) <https://aanorthcarolina.org>. Alan has set up the Freedom From Bondage website (see below) and is available for any updates that are needed to the Area website.

Literature: A wide selection of A.A. literature—including service manuals, coordinator kits, and the Plain Language Big Book—is available for purchase during designated times, with strong engagement and sales reported at the successful 78th North Carolina State Convention, and preparations underway for the upcoming Area 51 Fall Committee & Assembly in November.

Grapevine: Ongoing efforts to promote the Grapevine app, mentor others in service, with upcoming commitments including the Fall Assembly and Mid-Winter Convention. Find everything about Grapevine at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org).

Treatment Facilities: Alison reflected on recent workshops, the importance of service committee collaboration, the Bridging the Gap initiative, and her commitment to keeping AA's message of hope alive across North Carolina's treatment facilities.

CPC: Alana talked about importance of CPC and PI efforts in educating professionals about the true nature of AA, including its cost-free, non-religious, and anonymous structure. She shared her active outreach efforts with professional communities, law enforcement, and educational institutions across North Carolina to carry the message of recovery.

PI: George has connected with many members via Zoom to discuss projects, especially how our Traditions shape public-facing efforts.

Corrections: [Freedom from Bondage 37](#) March 20-22, 2026, in Aberdeen, NC. Jerry reported that he has deepened statewide corrections outreach by attending key conferences, expanding A.A. content on inmate tablets, facilitating volunteer training, initiating new facility partnerships, and actively planning the Corrections Conference (FFB 37) to further support and educate those carrying the A.A. message behind the walls.

State Convention: North Raleigh Hilton –980 attendees and 111 scholarships awarded. Lizzy T., shared plans for a more affordable and inspiring 2026 convention at Lake Junaluska.

Budget and Finance: The subcommittee reviewed core objectives and financial suggestions from the Spring Assembly, formed three work groups to address advisory actions, outreach materials, and budget analysis, and developed recommendations and tools to enhance fiscal responsibility, transparency, and long-term planning, while inviting further input during today's sharing session.

Site Investigation: The subcommittee diligently evaluated venue options across North Carolina for Area 51 events—balancing affordability, accessibility, and suitability amid rising costs and logistical challenges—to recommend the best possible locations that support the fellowship's mission now and into the future.

Growth and Maintenance: The subcommittee is reviewing the Advisory Actions from 1977 to present for inclusion in the Procedures, Policies, and Practices (P3) Manual. Everyone has access to these on the Area Website under [Information for AA Members - AANC](#) Advisory Actions: [Advisory-Actions-1977-2024.pdf](#) P3 Manual: [P3 Area 51 Service Guidelines 9-9-23](#)

Archives: Patrick reports active engagement in AA history events, ongoing digitization of group history forms and rare archival materials, progress on oral history transcripts, and a meaningful donation of delegate scrapbooks enriching the archives collection. [Area 51 Archives - AANC](#)

**Pre-conference dates and locations:** **Central:** March 14 hosted by Districts 23 and 24; **Western:** March 28 hosted by Districts 11 and 21, **Eastern:** April 11 hosted by District 01, and **Spanish:** April 19 hosted by District 30. **More information to follow.**

**Chairperson:** Please make your hotel reservations at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills **EARLY** for the **Fall 2025 Assembly** to be held November 14-16, 2025. The direct reservation link is [Available Rooms - Hilton Raleigh North Hills](#) <https://tinyurl.com/bdfr2hsj>; see the Area website for Advance Information or contact [chair@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:chair@aanorthcarolina.org).

**The hotel deadline is Wednesday, October 14, 2025. It is easier to cancel a room than to get a room at the last minute!**

**For more information about the Summer Committee, please see the Area 51 website for the minutes of the proceedings** <https://aanorthcarolina.org/> **which will be posted by September 29, 2025**

**All the 2025 and 2026 Officers and Coordinators and 2025 Standing Work Group and Subcommittee Chairs are grateful for the opportunity to be of service.**

**Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you.**

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